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School board disassociates from MHL

By Doug Marsh

At the South Bend Board of School Trustees' last meeting Dec. 6, the members decided to disassociate the South Bend Community School Corporation from the Michiana Hockey League (MHL), following advice given to them by the corporation's attorneys.

The board has rejected any school sponsorship or cooperation with the league. It will not attempt to work with the league as long as the question of civil rights remains. Last season, the MHL and the South Bend Community School Corporation were named co-defendants by a student, Ms. Patricia Botka, for the league's ruling prohibiting females from playing in the Michiana Hockey League.

Although the case was dismissed from St. Joseph County Circuit when Ms. Botka withdrew her complaint with the Human

Rights Commission, the league still holds strong to its policy barring girls from competition due to the degree of contact of hockey.

Therefore, the corporation's attorneys advised school board president Mr. Joseph Hennessy and the rest of the members that the civil rights cases that could arise if the system were associated with the MHL pose greater risks of liability than would personal injury or property damage cases.

The trustees handed down a ruling prohibiting announcements of MHL news on South Bend public schools' address systems. Also, no hockey team pictures or write-ups may be included in South Bend schools' yearbooks. However, the board agreed to allow bulletin board space in schools with students in the MHL (such as Riley) to announce league news. Since the MHL's representatives have

repeatedly sought from the school board at least "club status" for the sport, the members agreed to form a committee to discuss the league's problems of recognition for sponsorship. MHL president Mr. Raymond Huber does not believe that hockey will become a high school varsity sport in the near future.

The board indicated that another reason for disassociating itself from the MHL was that the league is operated by persons outside the corporation. In turn, league officials offered the trustees places on the MHL board of directors.

South Bend schools' athletic director, Mr. Ron Bella, declined to comment on the situation, explaining that his office was only concerned with sports within the corporation, and he added that he believed the trustees have made the system's standpoint very clear.



FROM ATOP THE tallest building in the world, the Sears building, is photographer Kevin Knepp's version of a bird's-eye-view of Chicago. Knepp took the picture when the art classes went to the Windy City last month.

Riley debaters shine at assembly; bring home five single winners

Riley's speech team returned from Purdue last week with an award for everyone who participated. Purdue University was the site of the annual state-sponsored and state-wide speech contest. Because participants came from each Indiana county, through necessity Purdue hosted two branches of oratory: extemporaneous and congress.

Last year senior Kelly Murphy got as far as the regionals in the extemporaneous division. Last Saturday, she placed third and won a silver cup. Ted Sternberg, debate team captain, placed ninth in this division, while Dan Johnson received a citation for active participation.

Bill Jacobi, Larry Crone and Claire Donohue entered congress where they won

the sweepstakes. In congress competition, each participant must talk his or her bill through committee, present it, receive committee approval, and get it passed in the general legislature. Bill Jacobi, although never experienced in congress, won first place in the Public Works committee, and then won first overall in presentation of his hydrogen-feasibility bill before the floor of the mock legislature.

Sophomore Larry Crone and senior Claire Donohue placed seventh and sixth, respectively, in their presentations.

Coach C.T. Goodman said that preparation is the key to success in speech, and the people from Riley were well prepared.



SOME OF THE WINNERS of the speech conference at Purdue last week proudly display their trophies and citations they received. From left to right are, Larry Crone, Bill Jacobi, captain Ted Sternberg, and Kelly Murphy. Photo by Kevin Knepp.

What's Up Front ...

School board to meet

The next South Bend Board of School Trustees meeting will be Monday, Dec. 20, at the Education Center downtown. The meeting, as usual, will be open to the public. Although it has not been disclosed what the topics of discussion will be, the Riley band uniform financial situation is a likely topic. Last month, the school board asked attorneys to probe into the legality of paying about \$12,000, one-half the cost of Riley's new uniforms.

NHS plans induction

The Riley chapter of the National Honor Society will hold their induction Jan. 11 in the Riley auditorium.

Letters were sent to eligible candidates, asking for a list of their activities. Teachers then voted on each prospect and inductees were decided.

Immediate members of the inductees' families are invited to attend the ceremony, and refreshments will be served after the induction.

Trip to Mexico

An opportunity to spend a week in Mexico is being offered to all high school students in South Bend. The cost of the trip, including all tours, lodging, meals, and tips, is \$299.95.

Riley Spanish teacher, Mr. Dennis

Kielton, and his wife Nancy will be the chaperones for the trip during spring vacation.

Reservations can be made by filling out an application and making a \$100 down payment before Jan. 5, to Seven Seas Travel. The limit of 30 persons is being filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Anyone seeking more information should contact Mr. Kielton in Room 109.

Choraliers

The 19 Riley Choraliers have been on the move for the past two weeks.

They have sung for the Women's Junior League, at the University of Notre Dame, the Presbyterian Church down the street from Riley, and the South Bend Rotary Club at the Down Under Restaurant. Yesterday, the Choraliers sang on

Homemakers' Time on WSBT-TV.

The Choraliers practice nightly and every 5th hour.

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Riley jazz band gives concert

THE RILEY JAZZ band performed a variety of music for the student body last Thursday. At left, Greg Gardner plays a solo while Gary Paksi, Rick Wilcox and Mauri Van Nevel concentrate on their music, above. Photos by Kevin Knepp

Wallace recalls Pearl Harbor

On Dec. 7, many Riley students noticed that the flag was at half mast. Dec. 7? What's that? Who died? Big deal! So what? That was a long time ago, who cares? These are some of the reactions that people have directed toward Riley engineer Marvin Wallace. On Dec. 7, 1959, Mr. Wallace, on his own free will and judgment, lowered Riley's U.S. flag to half staff and has done so every year since then.

Why? To bring back the reality and to get the people to reflect on one of the most devastating disasters in this nation's history -- Pearl Harbor.

Although Mr. Wallace was not in World War II from the start, the crisis of Pearl Harbor caused millions of Americans including himself to become involved in the war. He says he has been very disturbed that the United States did not make a rule concerning the flag in relation to the Pearl Harbor incident.

"People forget too quickly about the crises in American history," Mr. Wallace said. "The people who would remember the Pearl Harbor massacre are either at the bottom of the Harbor or in graves scattered across the country."

THE PROBLEM...

Winter driving presents problems for students

By Liz Woyton

There are no two ways about it, driving in the winter is a pain in the neck, especially in South Bend, Indiana, the heart of the midwest, where the snow seems to fall faster than we can shovel it and there seems to be an acute shortage of salt for the roads. Here, we are blessed with freezing cold and frosty windows for as many as 4 or 5 months out of the year.

While car manufacturers have tried to take the problems of winter driving into consideration when turning out their various models, they have made one fatal error in judgment. They equip their automobiles and write their owner's manuals for the average adult driver. What they fail to recognize is that the student driver has problems unique unto himself. Bearing some of these previously

unknown factors in mind, this reporter has attempted to compile a list of possible adaptations car manufacturers might make on automobiles destined for ownership by teenagers:

1. First and foremost, auto manufacturers must equip each machine with super-deep tread tires (necessary for doing donuts in the school parking lot as everyone knows!)
2. Another absolute must is a red neon sign saying "turn off your lights, stupid!" which would flash on as soon as the ignition switch was turned off. This was deemed necessary after a recent survey uncovered that 90 per cent of the Riley student body left their lights on at one time or another. (including this reporter!)
3. Thermal upholstery with variable temperature controls would make winter (or summer) driving more pleasant.

(Especially for girls who wear short skirts!)

4. A clock which would automatically set itself 15 minutes fast would be a great help. (Remember all those times you were tardy to first hour? Well, no more!)
5. Rubber bumpers-just in case something should go wrong and the student driver would hit another car, it would just bounce off, causing no damage or injury.

6. Last but not least, self defrosting front, rear and side windows-for students who can't ever find their hand scrapers, (or don't want to!)

If these features were added, students would find winter driving to be not only less hazardous and annoying, but almost a pleasant experience (cough).

Had enough of this feeble attempt at levity? Then read on for a real solution to the problems of winter driving

Carolers meet Monday night

Got the caroling bug this year? Senior Debbie Senff has, and she's spreading it around school fast with an announcement sheet with all the details.

Anyone who wants to sing is invited, she says. The party will begin at Debbie's house, 4910 Craig Rd. Scottsdale, Monday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Exactly where the group is going to sing has not been decided, but according to Debbie, "We will go anywhere anyone wants to, but we will sing!"

THE SOLUTION...

How to winterize your car

Picture this: 7:45 a.m. student emerges from his house. 7:46 a.m. student enters his automobile. 7:47 a.m. student attempts to start his car. 8:00 a.m. student alights from car, curses, kicks car door shut and stomps back to his house in helpless frustration.

It's too bad he doesn't know what's wrong with his car or how to correct it, but he can learn.

Auto mechanics teacher Mr. Eugene Harsanyi is trying to initiate a course for beginners on car maintenance and emergency procedures. According to Mr. Harsanyi, the course would not delve too deeply into technical terms, but would offer information "that everyone who drives should know."

Mr. Harsanyi said the proposed course would be offered on a 9-week basis, and would probably meet after school, due to space limitations during the school day.

Students would learn such things as how to change the oil in their cars (a real money saver) the proper way to wash and wax a car in order to keep the paint from dulling, rusting, or peeling, checks and maintenance of brakes, correct jacking procedures, what to do if their engine stalls or their brakes go out, or any of a number of emergencies occurs.

According to Mr. Harsanyi this course will be impossible to initiate without student interest. Anyone interested in such a course should contact Mr. Harsanyi for further details.



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Audition for 'Oscar' includes everyone!

Try-outs for the chronological music revue "Oscar-- The Best of the Best" will be the week of Jan. 10, 1977. The nostalgic production is set for March 17-18 and 24-25 in the Riley auditorium.

There is no dialogue, just singing, dancing, and a lot of music. Try-outs are open to all Riley students, faculty, staff members, and their families. Also any Riley or Jackson graduate is eligible to

participate. Anyone interested must get the information from Mr. John H.B. Kauss in room 202 or from the main office on Jan. 3.

Mr. Kauss said that at try-outs he will be looking for singers and dancers. Males who are interested in trying out should understand, he said, that dance training will be provided for those without previous experience. "If you can move in time to the music," Mr. Kauss said, "you are a

potential dancer!" The dances range from ballroom to tap dancing and from the waltz to the hula.

They will also be looking for quality musicians to play solos in addition to those who will be selected by the music department.

Singers should prepare a song from a list provided by Mr. Kauss and dancers should prepare a one to three minute exercise or routine based on music they can provide.

Singers should also provide their own accompaniment if they desire it.

The songs are ones that either were nominated or won the Academy Award for best song from a motion picture for a given year. The songs include such hits as "Jeepers Creepers", "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B", "Que Sera, Sera," "The Shadow of Your Smile," "Shaft," and "The Way We Were".

Two Rileyites play professionally with Tony Barron

By Dave Irwin

Greg Hatfield and Jim Schurr are currently playing with Tony Barron and the Orchestra, as first and second trumpet players, respectively. The Tony Barron Orchestra is a ballroom band that plays the sounds of the Big Band Era of the 30's and 40's, plus the sounds of today's generation. Other members of the band are Dave Van DePutte, a '76 graduate of Riley, on the drums and his brother Mark, a '74 graduate, first saxophone. Ted Lerman, a '74 grad, plays second saxophone, and Steve Schurr, Jim's brother, plays the piano. Mr. Barron said, "Riley has supplied us a lot of musicians--at least eight to ten, not including Greg and Jim."

Mr. Barron formed the band in 1967. "I wanted to keep the big band tradition alive," said Mr. Barron. The band now owns a bus and travels throughout the midwest on weekends. The band is in great demand, as it is booked up through 1977.

Mr. Barron is a personal friend of Guy Lombardo, and Jim and Greg, along with

the rest of the band, will be Mr. Lombardo's guest on New Year's Eve of 1977. Jim met Mr. Lombardo when he was in New York. "It was just like meeting a rock-n-roll star," said Jim.

The band started out playing at weddings and dances. It has expanded this year to include concerts, parties, and night clubs.

The band has also produced a record, entitled "Remember When." The title comes from the revival of ballroom dancing among teenagers. Steve Robertson is in charge of band promotions and record sales.

Greg said, "It is really fun." Jim added, "It is a change; but when I get home, I listen to rock-n-roll." Both Greg and Jim agreed that they receive ample spending money for their performances. Furthermore, their connection with Mr. Barron and the Orchestra has provided Jim and Greg with many contacts with people in the music business.



MR. BARRON LEADS his orchestra [above] while Greg Hatfield and Jim Schurr play the trumpet. Photos by Craig Landis.

When it comes to dancing---ask Sheri

By Dana Roenfeldt

Sophomore Sheri Flint has been dancing and performing for thirteen of her fifteen years. Ballet, tap, jazz, and modern dance, she does it all.

Sheri is now dancing with the Indiana Dance Theater, a performing group of dancers from the age of thirteen to the twenties. She dances eight hours a week now. Besides this, she is teaching classes at Flint's Dance Studio which her parents own. She used to dance with the Michiana Ballet Company, performing in such big productions as the Nutcracker, which played at Morris Civic Auditorium, and Peter and the Wolf, which played at LaSalle and Jackson. Recently, she has danced with the Riley orchestra for the feeder schools.

In the past, Sheri has taken classes with well known dancers such as Peter Genaro, Luigi, Gus Giordano, and Edward Vilella in Chicago or New York. This summer she plans to take a dance workshop in New York. Sheri spends a lot of time dancing but says, "I never get bored with dancing because there is always something new to learn."

It's only natural that Sheri is dancing now since her parents have long been dancers in show business. Donna and Jerry Flint traveled around, performing, three years before Sheri was born and one year after. They worked with such stars as Andy Williams, Pat Boone, and Sammy Davis Jr., and her mother worked once with Bob Hope. The Flints were regulars on the Gene Carroll Show in Cleveland. That show had its 25th anniversary when Sheri was in sixth grade, and her family went to Cleveland to tape an anniversary show. But that was not the first time Sheri was on T.V.

When she was about three years old, she danced with other children on T.V. every week for a couple of months on a show called The Moving Generation on WSBT.

Sheri wants to dance professionally some day. She would audition for shows in New York.

Sheri used to be a cheerleader at Hamilton School and last year at Jackson Middle, but did not try out for cheerleading this year because she said she would rather spend her time dancing.

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● OBSERVATION POINT

Parents help education, pay school book fees

Education is one of the most important opportunities offered to United States citizens. Any realistic person can see just what an asset an educated population is to a smoothly-run country.

A person between six and 18 years of age does not have much to offer until he is educated, although some people between these ages may have trouble keeping this in mind.

Therefore, it has become the duty of parents to see that this time is not wasted. Most parents cooperate. Lately, however, some parents have ignored one of the most direct ways in which they can help; payment of school fees.

By not paying these fees, parents are lessening the chances of this generation's pushing ahead and overcoming the problems it will no doubt face. The fee at Riley, for instance, can be as little as \$9 per year. In contrast, Culver Military costs as much as \$1,500 per year, or \$5,000 including room and board. Obviously the money asked is nominal, compared to the cost of a private school tuition.

The coming generation will move things forward and every future generation will be expected to do so also. Education is necessary for the future. Therefore, so is parental support - in this case, payment of school fees.

Should you take finals?

Many Riley students, if they have two or fewer absences and maintain a C average or better, choose to be exempt from one or all of their final exams. Have they ever stopped to think that they may be hurting themselves by not taking the tests?

College-bound students, especially, may benefit from the experience of preparing for and taking a test that reviews material covered throughout the semester. Many college students who were questioned about the benefits of taking final exams in high school claimed that they are indeed helpful as preparation for tests in college. Many times in college courses, a large percentage of the final grade is based on the final exam grade or on one or two major tests.

Mrs. JoAnn Hammond, head of the Riley guidance department, feels that if a student were to complete high school without ever having taken a final, it

would definitely hinder him or her later on in college.

The school's reason for continuing the exam-exempt policy is working however. It keeps students in school. According to Vice Principal Joseph Kuharic, the number of students in class from 1966 to 1972 ranged between 82 to 87 percent per semester. From 1972 to 1976, 92 to 96 percent of the students attended their classes.

"What this really means," Mr. Kuharic says, "is that there are 100 to 150 more students in school each day since the present attendance policy has been in effect."

Any student that wants to may take final exams. It must be up to the student himself to prepare for future exam-taking by taking some or all of his final exams, whether he has to or not. College-bound students especially should consider this option.

Volleyboys in perspective

By Bill Jacobi

Riley High School is experiencing a time of changing policies and it is important that students review girls' athletics. Specifically Riley girls' volleyball. Riley lost to Adams' three-boy three-girl team, the same team that went on to win the state championship. Boys in girls' volleyball--was it fair?

The famous Title IX permitted girls to play on guys' teams when the girls didn't have the opportunity of a sport designed specifically for them. To get into girls' volleyball, guys used the same argument, lack of equal opportunity. This sounds fair and reasonable but still was attacked on two grounds.

Volleyball enthusiasts for strictly girls' volleyball-boys and girls-fell into two categories. Some said that guys, by no matter what means, must be stopped from competing against girls. An example of one of this group's actions was the treatment of Brian Goralski of Clay.

This group also put forth a reason why guys should be banned: because of the number of guys' sports compared to the number of girls' sports, guys have more than an equal "opportunity" to participate in sports. With such opportunity, they have

no right intruding in girls sports. However, there is no logic in equating the number of sports with opportunity.

Another group of volleyball enthusiasts said that "volleyboys" destroy the sport and so some rule should prevent their taking part. It would be extremely tough showing the need for a rule which would prevent guys from competing with girls when it could backlash and prevent girls from competing with guys, for example, in cross country.

The first step in any case would be to show that guys in volleyball significantly dominate the game. This has been done. When Riley played Adams during the regular season, Adams used three guys in the first and third games. In the second, they used only one and Riley won only the second game.

Riley Coach Bev Lincoln pointed out that in Adams' regular season play, guys scored 95 percent of all points--spikes and serves--and that the final person to hit the ball before the score was a boy approximately 90 percent of the time. In fact, when Riley played Adams in the regional finals, their guys scored 27 of the total 30 points. These are impressive-sounding figures. What can be done with them?

Mr. Ward Brown, commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), said that boys on girls' teams "conflict with the purposes and objectives of IHSAA sports." In other words, they dominate them, but unfortunately there is no place where anyone stated the purposes and objectives of girls' volleyball. Therefore, boys on girls' teams conflict with no rule. Mr. Brown made the above statement in the release of the court decision which now bans boys in the future from competing against girls.

His approach is good. If someone would write into the IHSAA handbook something to the effect that the goals of girls' volleyball are to foster spirit and fair competition among girls volleyball, then guys could not compete-both by the "fair competition" wording and an explicit definition calling for only girls. This would eliminate the need for such an arbitrary ruling which does nothing but say guys cannot play against girls. On the other hand, if the IHSAA did this for guys' track, where would the girls be?

Girls volleyball is an important concern of a significant part of Riley. It is really too bad that our graduating volleyball girls may have been the best girls' team in the state, but never had the chance to prove it.



Merry Christmas '76

The Star of Bethlehem--what is it?

By Sue Wells

On Christmas Eve, local stargazers can track a facsimile of the Star of Bethlehem. This facsimile is actually two planets, Venus and Jupiter. At approximately 6 p.m., Venus will shine brightly in the western sky, just below the moon. In the southern sky at 9 p.m., Jupiter will occupy center sky, posing as the Star of Bethlehem.

The explanation of the phenomenon of the real Star of Bethlehem has been plaguing astronomers for centuries, and still does today. There are five main theories explaining the Star of Bethlehem, some more plausible than others.

The least plausible story is that the Star of Bethlehem was a meteor or fireball (a fireball is a large meteor). Meteors can light up the sky, hissing and creating sonic booms, and leaving behind glowing trails. These trails last many minutes, but these minutes would never have been long enough to guide the three wise men to Bethlehem.

A modern theory is that the Star of Bethlehem was actually an unidentified flying object (UFO). Noted theologians such as Billy Graham and Hal Lindsey have concluded that UFOs may have a

supernatural origin. At sufficient altitude, a glowing UFO hovering over Bethlehem would have been described as a star by its observers. This theory seems to be possible but without factual truth.

Another theory is that the Star was a great comet, along the lines of Halley's Comet in size and brightness. A really bright comet could have remained visible for weeks. In past times, comets were considered the heralds of important events. The appearance of Halley's Comet, for example, corresponded with William the Conqueror's invasion of England in 1066. In fact, a great comet is recorded as appearing above Earth in 11 B.C. This could have been the Star of Bethlehem, although most authorities do not consider this the case. Even though the B.C.-A.D. dating system is a few years off, 11 B.C. is believed to be definitely too early for the birth of Christ.

Astronomer Karlis Kaufmanis is a strong supporter of the planetary conjunction theory. A planetary conjunction occurs when two or more planets appear (from Earth) to be so close to each other that they look like one huge star. Planetary conjunctions occur every 800 years or so. According to Mr. Kaufmanis

the Star of Bethlehem was really Jupiter and Saturn in conjunction.

The theory considered most plausible is that the Star was actually a nova or supernova. Novae are stars that "suddenly turn themselves into celestial atomic bombs," according to astronomer Arthur C. Clark. "When a star becomes a supernova, its brilliance may increase . . . by a thousand million times in the course of a few hours."

A star going supernova expands and burns for weeks before dying. The light of the nova or supernova spreads through space, illuminating thousands of planets in its path, although it does not give off any appreciable heat.

The light of the nova shines for centuries, although its brilliance fades through the years. Mr. Clarke believes that the Star of Bethlehem that the three wise men followed was the light of a star that had gone nova or supernova some 5,000 years ago.

One wonders at the remarkable coincidence of the nova's light appearing at the same time as the most celebrated birth in history. One is tempted to ask, "Was it mere cosmic chance--or purposeful design?"

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A REVOLUTIONARY OLD IDEA

FAMILY TIME

By Tery Hudson

With today's rushed lifestyle, some families spend little or no time together. This problem has become so widespread that Grady Nutt has written a book entitled **Family Time**. This book is an effort to make speeding families slow down and have quality together-time. Mr. Nutt says the key to this togetherness is communication, which some families are also sadly lacking.

"Communication is not just getting it said; it's getting it heard," he says. His **Family Time** stresses that communication lies in honesty, and this means being just as ready to say "I love you" as "I have a bone to pick with you."

The book suggests spending a night a week with your family, participating in different activities. It suggests many things to do together -- from having a family awards night to going shopping together.

When presented with the idea of a "Family Time," biology teacher Robert Smith said, "To set aside one night a week is poppy cock; it's like making an

appointment with your kid. Time spent together should be spontaneous."

Another biology teacher, Robert Harke, believes "Parents should attend activities that the child is interested in, and likewise, kids should realize what parents like to do and join in."

Mr. Harke's two daughters play in a softball league during the summer. "Some parents drove their kids to practice, and dropped them off," said Mr. Harke. "I stayed to watch my girls practice and sometimes ended up the umpire," he laughed.

"It's something you have to work at," he said. He has a part-time job hanging wall paper and painting. "Whenever I miss time at home, I try to make it up the next night, or as soon as possible."

He does see some harm in both parents working. "Some women can work and still be full time mothers, but sometimes when a mother holds a full time job, someone's going to get short changed, and it's usually the kids."

Mrs. Christine Buczynski, business

teacher, is a working mother. She had a child late in last April. Her baby stays with a sitter while she is at work, and Mrs. Buczynski plans to send her child to a day care center when she is three and a half. She holds that quality of time spent together is more important than quantity of time.

"A mother could spend 24 hours a day with her child and not provide a learning experience," she said. Mrs. Buczynski spends all of her free time with her baby and tries to help her develop by constructive play.

She also feels teaching is a good job for a mother since she can leave at three and has summer and school vacations to spend with her family. "I don't know whether I would still work if I had a 9 to 5 job or if I had more than one child," said Mrs. Buczynski.

And how do teens feel about family time?

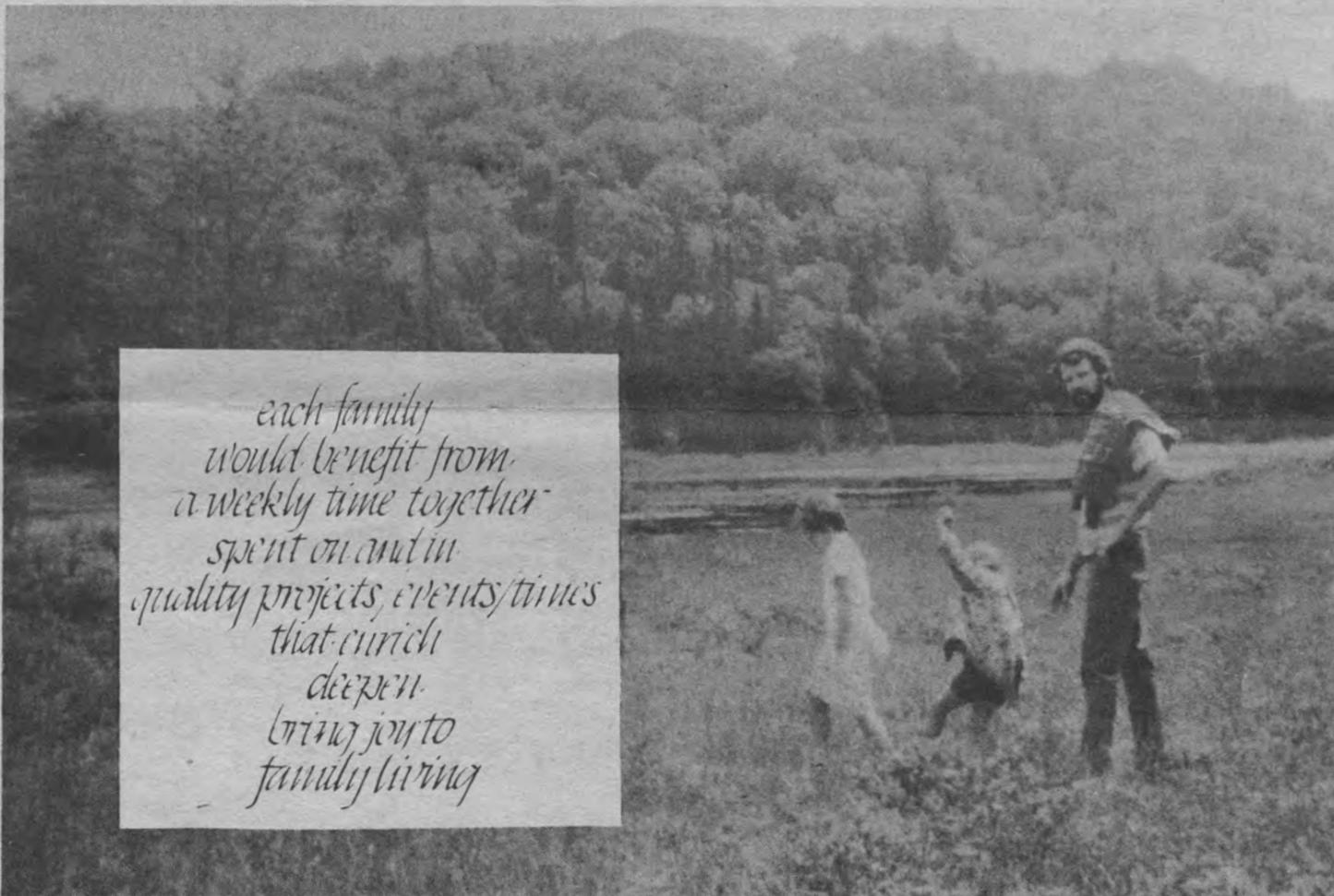
The family of sophomore Cheryl Bullard likes to preserve family traditions. They have big family reunions during holidays and birthdays. They preserve the family

meal, too. "When everyone has to be somewhere after dinner, we still eat together, but we eat fast," said Cheryl.

Cheryl thinks she spends enough time with her family. "You don't want to be around them all the time," she said. "When you were younger, you were with your family constantly, and as you grow older you want to be more independent."

Junior Nancy Gardner said her family doesn't get together frequently, but "when we do get together it's for a long period of time." She says they play card games during the weekends when everyone has more time. "We have to plan it. If no one has anywhere they have to be, we say, 'C'mon, let's not watch T.V.'"

The Gardners like to go on camping trips to get away from their busy schedules and are planning to go to Florida on Christmas vacation. Holidays give us a time and reason to be together," said Nancy. During Hanukkah, Nancy's family enjoys the traditional games and food. "Every night of Hanukkah we have a ceremony at home to light the candles of the mehorah."



*each family
would benefit from
a weekly time together
spent on and in
quality projects, events/times
that enrich
deepen
bring joy to
family living*

Mr. Hartke goes on camping trips every summer with his family. He and his two daughters, ages 10 and 7, try to make it through a peat bog near Lake Superior. Photo courtesy of Mr. Robert Hartke

SNOW

Furious flakes
dart in every direction,
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It is a delirious dance.
The wind is the orchestra;
Air is the ballroom.

There are no partners
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or what heights and depths
it must achieve

Is it not easy to perceive
oneself as a snowflake?

Anonymous



A Miracle

VICKI DEMBINSKI, DONNA BOUDREAU, AND JESSICA GASSENSMITH smile with their puppy "Miracle." Last October, the girls found this dog nearly dead in the street. They took it to a veterinarian who said it had distemper and should be put to sleep. But the girls persisted in buying him medicine and taking care of him, and "Miracle" became stronger. Although he is blind, the dog is now apparently in almost perfect health. "We named him Miracle because it took a miracle to save him," said Donna.

Horvath resigns as head football coach

By Brian Wantuch

"I set a goal for myself that when I had coached for 29 or 30 years I planned to retire," said Coach Steve Horvath, who resigned from the football head coaching position at Riley last week. "Twenty five years at Riley as a coach is a nice round figure."

Coach Horvath has coached football for 29 years, 25 of those at Riley as a teacher, coach, and athletic director for five years. He graduated from Riley in 1939 where he played halfback on the football team. Mr. Horvath went on to Butler University and then earned his Master's at Indiana Universtiy in 1952. Horvath returned to Riley the same year as an assistant coach, first under Paul L. (Spike) Kelly and then with Jim Whitmer.

He was appointed head coach in 1972 and has compiled a 5-year record of 17-31 and 6-26 in the Northern Indiana Conference. Mr. Horvath is also a three-year veteran of World War II, serving as a bombardier navigator. He

received the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters after being wounded. Mr. Horvath was also Riley's first wrestling coach in 1953.

Coach Horvath has had quite a few highlights in his career as a football coach. Riley won one conference championship in 1954 and tied for the conference title in 1962. "In 62 we had an 18-game winning streak that was finally broken in a playoff game," Horvath recalled.

Another highlight was the consolidation of Jackson and Riley high schools into one school. "It was a highlight for me because I felt it was a challenge to me as a head coach," said Horvath, "the bringing together of players from two different teams into one team." Mr. Horvath's most recent highlight is that he was able to coach his own son, Todd, and have a chance to see him play at Riley.

Coach Horvath plans to continue teaching in the corporation and he plans to "spend a lot of time on my 66-acre farm."



Riley host to holiday tourney; girls undefeated early in season

By Mary Cerny

The Riley girls will participate in a Holiday Basketball Tournament next Tuesday at the Woodward Memorial Gym. Also participating are Penn, Mishawaka, and St. Joe. The afternoon sessions will start at 12:30 p.m. and the consolation game will begin at about 6:30 p.m. The championship game will start at approximately 8:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this event and tickets will be sold at the door.

With their first season underway, the team is off to a good start with two wins over Clay and Washington. "These girls are willing to work and as a result, have made fantastic improvement," says Mr. Don Coddens, Riley girls' basketball coach.

The girls first practiced basic fundamentals such as dribbling, passing, and shooting. "But now, Coach Coddens stated, "the finer points in basketball are being taught." The overall height according to Coach Coddens is quite good with "the shortest girl on the starting line-up at 5 feet 7 inches."

Coach Coddens said that initially he wondered whether he would like to coach

the girls but now "I enjoy it as much as any team I have ever coached!" He further commented that the rules and courts are the same as boys' basketball "so I teach them everything that I would teach the boys."

Twelve girls suit up for each game, but a total of sixteen work out on the team. They are seniors Monice Thomas, Cindy Miller, Mary Lou Marosz, Mary Hoff and Jean Hoffman; juniors Karen Ebbolle and Collen Doyle; and sophomores Lisa Kovatch, Kelly Marchbank, Diane Garberick, Jackie Johnson, Sandy Niles, Linda LaMar, Dianne Wilson, Gwen Beans, Cindy Alvear, and Debbie Torkelson. Manager is senior Mary Leliaert.

Mary Ann Pitkatari, Riley exchange student who earlier played on the team, is presently helping out until her broken foot is healed, at which time she can practice on the team again.

Coach Coddens looks forward to a winning season. "These girls are catching on fast," he stated, "but they still have a long way to go. the only way to get better is to really work, and these girls are anxious to do so."

Hockey team in third place in league

By Jim Miller

A split with Clay and Marian in recent Michiana Prep Hockey action has given the community-sponsored Riley team a 3-2 record and third place in the league's city division.

In the Nov. 30 contest against Marian, the Wildcats were sparked by senior goalie Rick Spitaels as the three-year goaltending veteran kicked away 14 shots to lead the Ice 'Cats to a 4-0 shutout win over the Knights. This was the first shutout that goalie Rick Spitaels has achieved in his goaltending career.

"Marian played very much equal to us throughout the whole game, even though the score doesn't reflect it," stressed Riley coach John Spsychalski. Riley netted their first goal in the first period as John Klota connected for the 'Cats with an assist from Dave Horvath. The second Riley tally was an unassisted goal by Bob Verbanac coming in the second period. Thirteen seconds into the third period an unassisted shot by Jay Lerm. made it a 3-0 game. A goal by Mike Weides, with an assist from

Chuck Cox, iced the victory for the 'Cats with 5:58 remaining in the game.

At the ACC on Dec. 9, the Wildcats dropped one to the Clay Colonials by a score of 7-2. "We didn't play as bad as the score said," claimed Coach Spsychalski. "We were leading Clay 2-1 in the second period and held them scoreless for 4 1/2 minutes, but we just broke down and Clay started breaking open," he added. Kurt Linster scored the Wildcats' first goal with an assist from Mike Weides. Leading point man and goal scorer, Dave Horvath, added an unassisted goal to end the scoring threat for the Cats. Despite the five-goal Clay rally, Wildcat goalie Ken Vargo played an outstanding game, kicking away 22 Colonial shots on goal.

"If we can continue to play good aggressive hockey and stay together as a team, I think we have an excellent chance of going all the way this year," Coach Spsychalski pointed out. Riley's next game is against Michigan City (combination of Rogers and Elston) on Dec. 21 at the Ice Box.

Wrestlers go against Clay next

The Riley wrestling team opened their season on Dec. 2 with a victory over Adams, 28-26. Winners for Riley were Jackie Lewis, Mike Cox, Marty Mersich, Rick Tubbs, Rick Kimmel, Sam Powell, and Jeff Ewing.

The wrestlers then traveled to Mishawaka where they were soundly beaten 45-10. In the Reserve Invitational held at Mishawaka, Matt Taylor placed third in his weight class while Homer

Frison and Stew Herczeg finished second.

Coach George Jones feels "the team looks promising and we feel we will be competitive." He also added that the team is taking each match as it comes. Mike Cox and Marty Mersich both have identical 1-0-1 records early in the season. Coach Jones also pointed out Jim Berger as one of his outstanding wrestlers. The team wrestled LaSalle yesterday; they will also compete in the Brandywine Invitational on Jan. 15.

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12-21 Michigan City
12-23 LaPorte
12-28 Penn
1-4 Elkhart
1-6 Adams
1-11 LaSalle

Wrestling

1-4 Clay H
1-6 Elkhart Central H
1-11 Washington T
1-13 Penn T
1-15 Brandywine Invitational

Boys' Basketball

12-18 LaPorte T
12-28&30 Holiday Tournament ACC
1-7 E.C. Roosevelt H

Boys Swimming

12-18 Freshmen-Sophomore Meet
1-3 Kokomo Haworth T
1-6 Penn H
1-11 Clay-Bishop Noll H
1-13 Elkhart Memorial H
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Basketball team to play LaSalle in Holiday Tourney

The Riley basketball team will meet Washington tonight on the Jackson Middle School floor. "Washington is 5-0 and they have very great quickness," said Coach Joe Kreitzman. On Dec. 28 the Wildcats will meet LaSalle in the first round of the Holiday Tournament at the ACC at Notre Dame. We'll have to play awful good defense," said Coach Kreitzman, "and have patience on offense."

The basketball team's record is now 3-3 after losing three of five games in the past two weeks. Last Saturday the team traveled to Fort Wayne North where they lost 83-59. The Wildcats held a slim 15-14 lead at the end of the first quarter, but North's zone defense then took over in the second quarter. Greg Williams was high man for the 'Cats with 12 points while David Scott had 10.

Riley lost to an undefeated Mishawaka team on Dec. 10, 74-58. The 'Cats had a bad night, hitting only 32 percent of their shots and missing 12 free throws. Riley was ahead only one time at 4-2 in the first quarter. The Wildcats showed a lack of patience in the selection of shots, sometimes throwing up 25-foot shots.

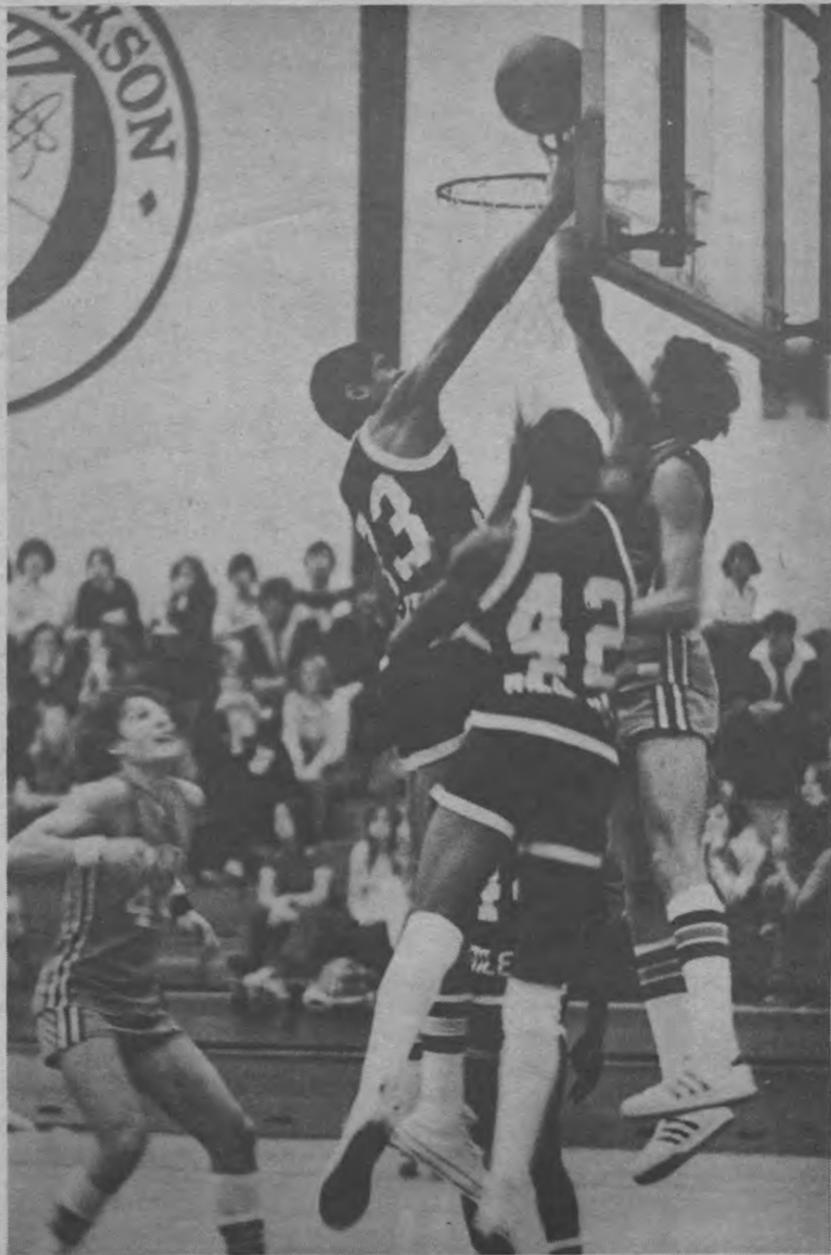
The 'Cats turned the ball over 19 times to Mishawaka's 21 times. Most of the turnovers came on traveling calls for both teams. David Scott had 14 points for Riley while Greg Williams and Gerald Harris had 13 and 12 points respectively. The B-team

lost 45-41.

The Riley team won over Fort Wayne Dwenger 74-60 on Dec. 3. Riley had fine games from Harris who scored 21 points and Scott who put up 17 points, two of those in the first quarter. Riley had slim leads after the first and second quarters and stretched it to a 15-point lead after the third quarter. Leading scorer Harris tallied two of his 17 second half points in the third quarter.

The 'Cats stopped Clay's three-game winning streak with a 63-48 win on Dec. 7. Riley had a 13-4 lead in the first quarter before Clay put on a flurry and outscored them 14-2. Clay was in the lead at the end of the first quarter 18-15. Riley's defense then took over in the third and second quarters, allowing Clay only 6 points in each quarter. Riley had leads of 31-24 at intermission and 41-30 after the third quarter. Clay got only within 10 points of the 'Cats in the fourth period 52-42. David Scott led the team in scoring and rebounding with 18 points and 16 rebounds. Gerald Harris had 13 points and Jon Clay had 8 rebounds. Riley had 21 turnovers and was 5 for 9 in free throws.

The Wildcats lost to a ninth ranked Gary West team on Nov. 30. David Scott led the 'Cats in a losing effort with 24 points and 13 rebounds. Gerald Harris had 12 points. The team was out-rebounded by the Gary team 44-36.



CENTER DAVID SCOTT attempts to block the shot of a Fort Wayne Dwenger player while Jon Clay [42] helps out. Photo by DeGroff Studios.

Swimmers 6-0

The Riley boys' swimming team extended their season's record to 6-0 with three wins over Mishawaka, LaSalle, and Elkhart Central. In the LaSalle meet on Dec. 2, John Waschkies and Fred Teumac had outstanding meets. Waschkies broke 5 minutes in the 500-yd freestyle event for the first time.

On Dec. 4 the team finished second in the Munster Relays behind host Munster. The 800 I.M. Relay team of Tim Gladura, Randy Reznik, Jim Fahey, and Fred Teumac set a meet record. "The Munster Relays so far has been the high point of our season," said Coach Dave Dunlap. "I was very pleased with the performance and the attitude of the team."

The team has been fighting an outbreak of sickness, according to Coach Dunlap, "This has been the worst year I have experienced with sicknesses."

Bowling season in full swing

Every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Chippewa Bowling Lanes the Riley Bowling League meets.

The League's 45 members are divided into 10 teams with 4 people on each team, there are 5 substitutes. The team in first place consists of Doug Jena, Francia Glenn, Jim Funk and Lisa Kovatch.

"The best bowlers of all are Mark Kimes 162, Greg Garretson-156, Francia Glenn-141 and Judy Shisler-138" said geometry teacher Mr. Julian Penny, sponsor of the bowling league.

Athlete of the Month



Junior center David Scott has been selected as the December Athlete of the Month. David is the leading rebounder and scorer on the Riley squad, averaging 17 rebounds and 18 points a game. He is also averaging 5 assists a game. David has been a steady and excellent player in all the games Riley has played. He is also the Junior class president.

'Cuda-Cats finish sixth in state; Shawn McCluskey wins backstroke

The girls' swim team finished their season with a sixth place finish in the state swim meet last Saturday at the Ball State University pool. Shawn McCluskey was Riley's only individual winner, finishing first in the 100 back with a time of 1:02.978.

The medley relay team of Jane Axelburg, Shawn McCluskey, Beth Gavin, and Laura Fahey finished in third place. Laura Fahey placed fourth in the 100 backstroke and 11th in the 200 individual medley. McCluskey also finished fifth in the 50 free. The team finished with 63 total points in the meet.

In the swim sectional held on Dec. 4 the girls finished third behind Adams and Clay with 166 points. Riley had four first place finishers in the sectional, two each by Laura Fahey and Shawn McCluskey. Fahey won the 200 individual medley and the 100

breast. McCluskey finished first in the 50 free and the 100 back. Teri Carlton finished fifth in the diving competition. The 200 medley relay team finished second and the 400 freestyle relay squad finished fourth in that race.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

By Matt Brokaw

With the long-awaited approach of Christmas vacation, teachers and students took time for some special Holiday projects.

The clothing classes made little ornaments and hung them on a Christmas tree in the main office area, while another home economics class made wreaths out of pine cones. The Family Relations classes held mock weddings a couple of weeks ago, and students in Child Development classes brought little children in for a party yesterday. The regular students in the class dressed as elves during the party to amuse the younger children.

The first hour class presented their party with the theme "Santa's Workshops," with students dressed as elves and stuffed toy animals. Goodies such as Christmas cookies, potato chips, candy canes, and even a Christmas tree cake was served.

The fifth hour class with a theme of "A Christmas Wonderland," served "Elf Pizza," "Snowman Cake," and "St. Nick Punch." Games were played in both classes.

In the Foreign Language Department, German students fashioned ornaments out of straw, toothpicks, and cloth to hang on the tree in their room. They also made cards that said "Frohliche Weihnachten" (Merry Christmas). The French club had a party and the Latin club will have a party with gag gifts being exchanged on Dec. 20.

In some of the typing classes, the teacher handed out dittoed instructions that when followed correctly, produced a Christmas tree. Another part of the Business Department, the COE class, held a bake sale in Scottsdale Mall to raise funds.

Mr. Dennis Wielgos' senior English classes have been bringing money in all year for a Bacchanalian Day celebration. Each student had to help present a play (by acting, writing, or designing the scenery)

or bring in food for the dinner. Another group, the staffs of the Riley Review and Hoosier Poet, had a Holiday potluck dinner Dec. 15.

Today is the last day before the vacation and many students are wondering how much homework the teachers will give. If a student is lucky enough to have a teacher who plans just one day at a time, then the answer is probably none or a very little. The reason is that last night was the Riley faculty party, and most of the teachers did not feel like making lesson plans after they got home.



SENIOR ROSE CHIMEL decorates Christmas cards in German class [above], while Bob Medich [lower left] makes an ornament. Below is one of the Christmas tree decorations the Clothing and homemaking classes made, and at left Joan Martin hangs a wreath on the tree in the office. Photos by Craig Landis

